THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The process of disinvestment through strategic sale of 51% government holding in shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) is underway. The process is likely to be completed by September-October, 2002.

(b) and (c) In a strategic sale, the investor has a long-term perspective of investment and factors into his price bid the future earning potential of the company This is also captured in fixation of the reserve price by Government. The completion of the disinvestment process would, amongst other factors, depend upon the price bids received and how they compare with the reserve price fixed by Government.

Missing files of DDA

†*216. SHRI MANAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the whereabouts of 20,000 files of DDA are not kwnon, as reported in Dainik Jagaran, (Delhi) dated 10th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have had the whole case inquired into or propose to do so; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that the report published in Delhi Dainik Jagaran, dated the 10th July, 2002 is not entirely correct. There are approximately 3,23,295 houses that have been allotted by the DDA under various schemes till date and files of all allotment are kept in the Record Room. Due to the large number of files, it is true that sometimes files are missing and get attached to other files or attahed with the files of legal Department and these are then not available in the Record Room/Section. However, as soon as information regarding non-availability of any file is received, appropriate action for reconstruction is taken after verification of all facts. Simultaneously, penalty proceedings are intiated against the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

defaulting official. In this context, from 1.4.2000 to 30.6.2002, disciplinary proceedings were finalised against 8 officials for loss of files. Major penalty was imposed in 4 cases and minor penalty was imposed in remaining 4 cases. DDA has also started computerisation of records and file tracking system to check this problem.

Funding of projects in NER

*217. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fund the projects declared under PM's Special package since 1996 for North-East only from 10 per cent budgetary allocation for North East;

(b) if so, the details of the decision; and

(c) if not, the funding pattern finalised indicating the additional allocations made and proposed to be made to complete the projects within the stipulated target date?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUNSOURIE): (a) to (c) The then Prime Minister made a statement on October 27, 1996 at Guwahati regarding New Initiatives for North Eastern Region. The Statement envisaged, inter-alia earmarking *at least* 10% of the budget(s) of all Union Ministers/Departments for specific programmes in the North East. As a follow up, a Central Pool of Resources was constituted,which consists of the unspent amounts from 10% of the budget(s) of the Unioin Ministeries/Departments (except those specifically exempted). In January 2000, at Shillong, the Prime Minister announced a Agenda for Socio-economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim. The Agenda covers 28 items to be implemented on priority. The Details and progress of implementation in respect of items covered in the Agenda is available at the website: pmindia.nic.in. The financial requirements, as per latest estimates, for these items aggregate to Rs. 13,388.90 crores to be met from the plan/non plan budget of Union Ministries plan funds of North Eastern Council, financial institutions such as National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), North Eastern Development Finance Corporaiton (NEDFI) as well as from the Non-lapsable central Pool of Resources.